

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 are pending.

Claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 are currently amended herein.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method for presenting a merged view of remotely installed applications to which a user has terminal server (TS) based access, the method comprising:

generating, by a client computing device, one or more shortcuts to one or more respective applications to which the user has TS based access, wherein the one or more shortcuts are independent files that point to the one or more respective applications to which the user has TS based access, the independent files being stored on the client computing device and presented to the user through a user interface (UI) shell executing on the client computing device,

wherein each of the applications ~~being~~ are installed at one or more installation points in an Intranet, the client computing device being external to the Intranet; and

wherein the one or more shortcuts are aggregated to present a merged view of the applications, the merged view being transparent of whether the applications are managed by different information sources across multiple accessor modules on the Intranet and configured for remote TS-based execution by different ones of multiple installation points,

and wherein an accessor interrogates a directory service of the Intranet for user specific resource data, wherein the user specific resource data includes data directed to obtaining the network address for a user's computing device via a domain name service (DNS).

2. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more information sources comprise a directory service, a Systems Management Server, and/or a personal office computer associated with the user.

3. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more installation points comprise one or more servers and/or office computers associated with the user.

4. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein the shortcuts are presented in a desktop of the user.

5. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein the shortcuts are presented in an Internet browser window associated with a Web service providing remote application discovery, the Web service being deployed on a Web server in the Intranet and accessible by the client computing device over a public network.

6. **(Currently Amended)** A tangible computer-readable data storage medium comprising computer-executable instructions for presenting a merged view of remotely installed applications to which a user has terminal server (TS) based access, the computer-executable instructions comprising instructions for:

generating, by a client computing device, one or more shortcuts to one or more respective applications to which the user has TS based access, wherein the one or more shortcuts are independent files that point to the one or more respective applications to which the user has TS based access, the independent files being stored on the client computing device and presented to the user through a user interface (UI) shell executing on the client computing device, each of the applications being installed at one or more installation points in an Intranet, the client computing device being external to the Intranet; and

wherein the one or more shortcuts are aggregated to present a merged view of the applications, the merged view being transparent of whether the applications are managed by different information sources across multiple accessor modules on the Intranet and configured for remote TS-based execution by different ones of multiple installation points,

and wherein an accessor interrogates a directory service of the Intranet for user specific resource data, wherein the user specific resource data includes data directed to obtaining the network address for a user's computing device via a domain name service (DNS).

7. **(Previously Presented)** The computer-readable medium of claim 6, wherein the one or more information sources comprise a directory service, a Systems Management Server, and/or a personal office computer associated with the user.

8. **(Previously Presented)** The computer-readable medium of claim 6, wherein the one or more installation points comprise one or more servers and/or office computers associated with the user.

9. **(Previously Presented)** The computer-readable medium of claim 6, wherein the shortcuts are presented in a desktop of the user.

10. **(Previously Presented)** The computer-readable medium of claim 6, wherein the shortcuts are presented in an Internet browser window associated with a Web service providing remote application discovery, the Web service being deployed on a Web server in the Intranet and accessible by the client computing device over a public network.

11. **(Currently Amended)** A remote client device comprising:
a processor; and
a memory coupled to the processor, the memory comprising computer-program instructions executable by the processor for presenting a merged view of

remotely installed applications to which a user has terminal server (TS) based access, the computer-executable instructions comprising instructions for:

generating one or more shortcuts to one or more respective applications to which the user has TS based access, wherein the one or more shortcuts are independent files that point to the one or more respective applications to which the user has TS based access, the independent files being stored on the client computing device and presented to the user through a user interface (UI) shell executing on the client computing device, each of the applications being installed at one or more installation points in an Intranet, the remote client device being external to the Intranet; and

wherein the one or more shortcuts are aggregated to present a merged view of the applications, the merged view being transparent of whether the applications are managed by different information sources across multiple accessor modules on the Intranet and configured for remote TS-based execution by different ones of multiple installation points,

and wherein an accessor interrogates a directory service of the Intranet for user specific resource data, wherein the user specific resource data includes data directed to obtaining the network address for a user's computing device via a domain name service (DNS).

12. **(Previously Presented)** The remote client device of claim 11, wherein the one or more information sources comprise a directory service, a Systems Management Server, and/or a personal office computer associated with the user.

13. **(Previously Presented)** The remote client device of claim 11, wherein the one or more installation points comprise one or more servers and/or office computers associated with the user.

14. **(Previously Presented)** The remote client device of claim 11, wherein the shortcuts are presented in a desktop of the user.

15. **(Previously Presented)** The remote client device of claim 11, wherein the shortcuts are presented in an Internet browser window associated with a Web service providing remote application discovery, the Web service being deployed on a Web server in the Intranet and accessible by the remote client device over a public network.

16. **(Currently Amended)** A remote client device for presenting a merged view of remotely installed applications to which a user has terminal server (TS) based access, the remote client device comprising:

means for generating one or more shortcuts to one or more respective applications to which the user has TS based access, wherein the one or more shortcuts are independent files that point to the one or more respective applications to which the user has TS based access, the independent files being stored on the client computing device and presented to the user through a user interface (UI) shell executing on the client computing device, each of the applications being installed at one or more installation points in an Intranet, the remote client device being external to the Intranet; and

wherein the one or more shortcuts are aggregated to present a merged view of the applications, the merged view being transparent of whether the applications are managed by different information sources across multiple accessor modules on the Intranet and configured for remote TS-based execution by different ones of multiple installation points,

and wherein an accessor interrogates a directory service of the Intranet for user specific resource data, wherein the user specific resource data includes data directed to obtaining the network address for a user's computing device via a domain name service (DNS).

17. **(Previously Presented)** The remote client device of claim 16, wherein the one or more information sources comprise a directory service, a Systems Management Server, and/or a personal office computer associated with the user.

18. **(Previously Presented)** The remote client device of claim 16, wherein the one or more installation points comprise one or more servers and/or office computers associated with the user.

19. **(Previously Presented)** The remote client device of claim 16, wherein the shortcuts are presented in a desktop of the user.

20. **(Previously Presented)** The remote client device of claim 16, wherein the shortcuts are presented in an Internet browser window associated with a Web service providing remote application discovery, the Web service being deployed on a Web server in the Intranet and accessible by the remote client device over a public network.